



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### **Situation Report Winter Storm Event January 27, 2009 5:00 p.m.**

## **UPDATED INFORMATION IN BOLD**

### **SUMMARY**

A Canadian cold front pushed into Missouri Monday, mixing with Gulf moisture and creating some hazardous weather conditions. The winter storm is continuing today with another round of snow, sleet, and freezing rain. Snow is found mainly to the north of Interstate 70, with sleet mixing in through parts of the St. Louis metro area. Freezing rain is further to the south over southern Missouri. The icy conditions have made highway travel hazardous at times, with numerous accidents being reported. So far, there have been five fatalities reported in weather-related accidents throughout the state. Officials report power is out on more than 30,000 meters across Missouri.

SEMA has activated the State EOC to a limited level one activation. SEMA staff will man the EOC on a 24-hour basis until further notice.

### **Power outages - Utilities:**

**Ameren UE** – 14, 300 meters are without power, primarily in southeast Missouri.

**Empire Electric** – No outages reported.

**Kansas City Power and Light** – No outages reported.

**Missouri Electric Cooperatives** – Several cooperatives are reporting 16,000 meters without power. 50-60 linemen from other areas have been called in to assist.

### **Counties/Cities Reports:**

**Barry County** – Icy roads throughout the county. **Power is sporadic near Shell Knob.** Shelters are on stand-by. No requests for assistance at this time.

**Bollinger County** – Mostly sleet with 3-4 inches on ground. No significant power outages. Emergency vehicles are primary concern on the highways.

**Butler County** – Thick layer of ice with snow on top. No significant power outages. Two shelters are on standby. No requests for assistance at this time.

**Camden County** – Received some ice covered by up to ¾ inch sleet/light snow mix. Road conditions remain dangerous. No power outages reported and no shelters open at this time. EOC is monitoring conditions. Disaster partnership members are on stand-by.

**Cape Girardeau County** – Some freezing rain throughout the county. Some roads are treacherous and MoDOT is working on the main highways. No shelters are open. No power outages. No requests for assistance at this time.

**Carter County** –No major issues with water or power. No shelters are anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

**Christian County** – Some ‘slide offs’ Monday night. One fatal accident that is weather related, but no details available. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

**Crawford County** – Wintry mix of precipitation reported. No power outages and no requests for assistance.

**Douglas County** – No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time. EOC is on standby.

**Dunklin County** – The Cities of Campbell, Clarkton and Kennett are without power; Malden had occasional outages. Six or seven shelters are being opened up around the county. All roads are open.

**Franklin County** – Sleet is falling and numerous accidents have occurred. No outages. Six shelters are on stand-by.

**Howell County** – Freezing rain and sleet left 200 homes without power. Roads are hazardous, but passable. No requests for assistance at this time. City of Willow Springs reports no outages. School is being set up as a shelter. City of West Plains reports no outages and no major problems.

**Johnson County** – ½ inch of snow. No damages and no requests at this time.

**Madison County** – Primary roads are passable, secondary roads are covered with freezing rain/sleet. No power outages.

**McDonald County** – Icy roads and some ‘slide-offs’. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

**Mississippi County** – Majority of City of Charleston without power. A shelter will be set up there. Two shelters are open in East Prairie, which also has outages.

**New Madrid County** – Some outages in the Cities of Lilbourn, Parma and Matthews. Mostly individuals’ homes have lost power. Some outages reported, including the Nursing Home.

**Oregon County** – City of Thayer without power. One shelter is open. Numerous limbs, poles and lines down.

**Ozark County** – Several undetermined outages reported in rural parts of county. No requests for assistance at this time.

**Pike County** – Wintry mix of precipitation occurring, with some slick roads. No requests for assistance at this time.

**Pemiscot County** – Two shelters are being opened in Caruthersville. Power is out in about half of cities of Caruthersville and Hayti. No request for assistance at this time.

**Ripley County** – Main roads are clear. **American Red Cross has opened a shelter with 10 people in it.** City of Naylor is without power.

**St. Francois County** - No reports of power outages. A few accidents and one fatality accident occurred Monday night. Warming shelter and special-needs shelter are on stand-by. EOC is partially activated.

**Ste. Genevieve County-** Sleet being reported and roads are a bit hazardous. No outages reported. No requests for assistance.

**Scott County** – Sikeston has one business closed due to roof failure. **Primary shelter in Sikeston was moved to the high school. Some power lines are down in the city and traffic signals are out. An American Red Cross shelter is open in Miner.** County EOC is open.

**Shannon County** – About 6’ of sleet reported but no power outages at this time and no requests for assistance.

**Stoddard County** – Sporadic outages in Dexter and other parts of county. Warming center opened at Parklane Gymnasium. Health Department has activated mass casualty trailer. EOC is open.

**Stone County** – Large area in southern part of county reportedly without power (approximately 1200). No requests for assistance or sheltering at this time.

**Taney County** – Icy roads and some accidents. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time. Two shelters are on standby.

**Texas County** – Ice with sleet on top. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

**Webster County** – Lots of ‘slide-offs’ Monday night. No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

**Wright County** - No power outages and no shelters anticipated. No requests for assistance at this time.

**State Agencies:**

**Missouri Department of Agriculture** - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

**Missouri Department of Corrections** – Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

**Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services** – Working on a news release concerning carbon monoxide-related information that can be distributed to the public who may be using generators.

**Missouri Department of Mental Health** - Monitoring facilities in the affected region, including ones in Poplar Bluff and Sikeston, and will respond if needed.

**Missouri Department of Natural Resources** – Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.

**Missouri Department of Transportation – Crews continue to work on affected roads. Main concerns on major highways are re-freezing as temperatures drop, as well as areas with “black ice”. The MoDOT EOC and regional offices in affected areas will be staffed overnights. Website map is being updated to show road conditions.**

**Missouri Department of Social Services – Working with local jurisdictions to accurately track shelters being opened and possible needs resulting from that.**

**Missouri National Guard - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.**

**Missouri State Fire Marshal - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.**

**Missouri State Highway Patrol – Troopers are continuing to assist with numerous accidents on slick roads and highways.**

**Missouri State Water Patrol – Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.**

**Volunteer Agencies:**

**American Red Cross – ARC has opened shelters in Doniphan and Poplar Bluff. Assisting people in Jasper County who are awaiting bus transportations (about 20 people).**

**AmeriCorp Volunteers - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed.**

**Civil Air Patrol – Ground, air and communications assets remain on alert and will respond if needed.**

**Convoy of Hope - Monitoring the situation and will respond if needed**

**Salvation Army – Assisting in feeding operations at Joplin shelter and at other sites, as needed.**

**Weather:**

**National Weather Service (St. Louis) reports a Winter Storm Warning is in effect until midnight for much of the southern half of the state. Snow, sleet and freezing rain will continue into the evening hours with a gradual changeover to all snow by midnight. Another one to three inches of snow will be possible tonight... with the totals increasing sharply from northwest to southeast. A light glazing will also be possible from the light freezing rain. Storm total amounts will range from two to six inches of sleet and snow.**

**Point of Contact:**

**The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed until further notice on a 24-hour basis.**